

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

Wednesday
May 19, 2004
6:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 6:00 P.M. at Evergreen Recreation club lounge room. In attendance were eight (8) District Advisory Board Members, three (3) city staff, and (5) citizens. Approximately 16 individuals were in attendance.

Members Present

Sandra Whittington
Annie Best
Rosalie Bradley
Rick Shellenbarger
Jaya Escobar
Dick Rumsey
Maurine Willis
Bob Schreck

Member Absent

Paul Daemen
Bickley Foster
Bob Wine

Guests

Listed at the end

Staff

Bill Longnecker MAPD
Terri Dozal, NA
Beth Harlenske, Attorney

Call to Order

Dick Rumsey, Second Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. stating **Council Member Fearey** was unable to chair tonight's meeting. **Rumsey** welcomed guests and asked DAB members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. (**Schreck/Whittington 7-0**)

Member Escobar arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Public Agenda

No members of the public requested to speak

Planning Agenda

1. **ZON2004-00020**

The *District VI Advisory Board (DAB)* considered a Zone change from "TF-3" Two-family residential to "LC" Limited Commercial. Proposed use is for an off-street parking area for a beautician school. The DAB Members were provided the public notice and MAPD staff comments for review prior to the meeting. **Bill Longnecker**, Planner presented the case and reviewed the staff recommendation with members and the public.

The applicant, **Dale Smith**, stated he would prefer the zone change to be "LC" Limited Commercial but will be okay with the "GO" General Office recommended by city staff. He stated if there is future development, the area will need to be zoned "LC" Limited Commercial.

One member of the public spoke against the request due to his home is next door to the property requested in the zone change. He bought his home to live in a neighborhood and not a Commercial district. He stated that the businesses were moving further into the neighborhood.

The DAB member's comments were: 1) would there be platting for parking; 2) why is they are a zone change request; 3) is the current parking paved and 4) what is a revitalization area.

***** **Action Taken:** Motion to APPROVE (Best/Schreck 7-1 Whittington) zone change request to "GO" General Office per staff recommendations.

Staff Presentations

2. Funeral Escort Processions

Elizabeth Harlenske, City Attorney, presented the proposed ordinance amendments creating Chapter 11.37 City code pertaining to traffic regulations for funeral processions. Both escort vehicles and procession vehicles are included in the regulations. The ordinance amendments would repeal Section 11.38.130 and 11.38.140. **Harlenske** stated city staff has been working with the Funeral Escort Service providers on this for quite a long time.

DAB members inquired on the following or made comments on: 1) is the public required to stop for the funeral processions; 2) will the escort service tell the procession to turn on lights and follow their instructions; 3) Is there a required speed limit for the vehicles while in processions; 4) are there still motorcycles being used as escorts; 5) do the vehicles need to have both sirens and lights 6) do the vehicles have some form of reference number on them so you know who is driving and responsible for the vehicle; 7) are the city ordinances in accordance with the state statues regarding emergency vehicles; 8) Is the purpose of the escort service really an emergency or for working the traffic and 9) the speed limit needs to be clearly stated in the ordinance for the vehicles. Responses were provided for the questions and concerns.

*******Action Taken:** Recommend approval of ordinance amendments by City Council.
(Rumsey/Willis 7-0 /1 abstain Shellenbarger)

Members Schreck and Willis stressed their concern the speed limit be clearly written in the funeral escort procession ordinance.

2a. Funeral Escort Licensing

Elizabeth Harlenske, City Attorney, presented on the ordinance creating new chapter 3.74 of City Code pertaining to licensing of funeral escort services. The ordinance would repeal the original Chapter 3.74.

DAB Members inquired on who accredits the defensive driving courses and if insurance carriers were advised about the possibility of lawsuits from the public if involved in an accident due to the funeral escort processions. **Bill Powell**, Wichita Mortuary Services stated his insurance company offers a credited defensive driving course and all his drivers are required to take. **Powell** continued to say thank you to the City and County for the time put into the ordinance and we are in 100% support. **Harlenske** stated the licensing requirements are patterned from the taxicab and limousine ordinances.

***** **Action Taken:** DAB VI recommends approval of the ordinance to license funeral escort businesses. (**Schreck/Escobar 7-0/ 1 abstain Shellenbarger**)

Board Agenda

3. **Problem Properties**

- The SE corner of St. Paul and 13th the grass is very high.
- Vehicle on N Meridian near N. Riverlawn church is For Sale.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

4. **Neighborhood Reports**

Sherwood Glen: **Member Willis** stated about the Mesa Verde housing project the vote was 6-1 that Council Member Lambke voted against the project. Also the project was approved by the State.

Reminder about the **Council Member's breakfast meeting at the Morris Restaurant** on the 4th Saturday of the month.

Riverside: Indoor Tennis Center looks like a first class project. Who will be the partner a Commercial or non-profit business or organization.

Historic Midtown Plan: Was passed by the County commission today.

The Wichita Eagle appears to be limiting neighborhood news. Please send or e-mail them to Let them know you want to see more neighborhood news.

Indian Hills: Inquiries on the Tequila Club

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

6. **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting for DAB VI will be June 7, 2004 in the Evergreen Park and Recreation Club/Lounge room.

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Guests

Dale Smith	1960 Wawona 67206
Bill & Cheryl Powell	
Berle Willie	SGNA
Ken Childress	140 N. McComas

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant